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The award-winning Indoor Drumline performs their show "In A Flash" for the Winter Guard International World Championships in Dayton, Ohio.

Indoor Drumline at world competition

Tragedy hits TJC professor

Criminal Justice professor Spencer Ellison is still dealing with the pain of losing his father last December in a controversial shooting.

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Student life fees going to rainy-day fund

By Haley Smith
Managing Editor

Tyler Junior College continues to collect \$2 per credit hour in student life fees, but ends up saving almost as much as it gives to student groups.

The student life fee is charged to students' tuition every semester but cannot pass the maximum of \$26 per student per semester.

The Student Service Fee Advisory Committee (SSFAC) is responsible for presenting the student life/service funding recommendations to the Vice President of Student Affairs. This means that the committee decides how much of the student life fees collected with student tuition should be given to each student organization on campus.

"The committee includes seven student representatives. Five

are appointed by the student senate and, of course, I approve those, and there are two students that serve one-year terms," Vice President for Student Affairs Johnny Moore said. "Then we have two faculty members that are appointed by the faculty senate."

For the fiscal school year of 2011, which includes Fall 2010 and Spring 2011, \$435,648 was collected in student life fees from current students, according to TJC Controller Carol Hutson.

From that amount, according to Regina Williams, Administrative Assistant to Student Affairs, only \$275,648 was allocated to student organizations. This means that \$160,472 of student life fees was not given to any student group.

For the fiscal year of 2010, according to Hutson, which includes Fall 2009 and Spring 2010, \$465,085.86 was collected in student life fees. From that amount, according to Williams, only \$95,958 was allocated. This means that \$369,127.86 was not given to any student group through SSFAC.

Even though SSFAC decides who gets what, they are not given the whole student fee amount to give out. Student Affairs decides how much money to give away and then SSFAC decides how much of that amount goes to each organization.

"We don't give them out the whole amount," Moore said of SSFAC. "Yes, there is a set amount that we go into but you know going through those discussions we don't say 'okay we have only this amount so this particular group we only give this.' We don't do that. We just look at each individual group individually."

According to Moore, the SSFAC decides how much money is allocated and how much is not used of the money they are told they have. Student groups must apply for funding.

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Toxic Love



Illustration by Haley Smith

The deadly truth about STDs in college

By Madeline Munoz
Staff Writer

College campuses are notorious for having the highest rates of sexually transmitted diseases in the United States. The high level of awareness that there is today makes it easy to avoid contracting these illnesses.

"STDs are absolutely a problem on college campuses," said Tyler Junior College on-campus doctor Stephanie Eij-sink, M.D. "Many students make their sexual debut in college. At that age, there are quite a few misconceptions about sexually transmitted diseases."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that more than 15 million cases of syphilis, chlamydia, and gonorrhea occur every year in the U.S. Alarming, most of these cases happen to people between the ages of 15-30.

"In the last two months we have also seen a significant increase in syphilis, which is unusual for this area," said Fatima de la Hoya, an LVN with the North East Public Health District.

Chlamydia is one of the most commonly spread STDs in the U.S. It is known as a "silent" disease since most infected people have no symptoms.

"The numbers of positive chlamydia tests that are confirmed are pretty high. The absence of symptoms is probably why it is unknowingly spread through unprotected sex by people who have this disease," said de la Hoya.

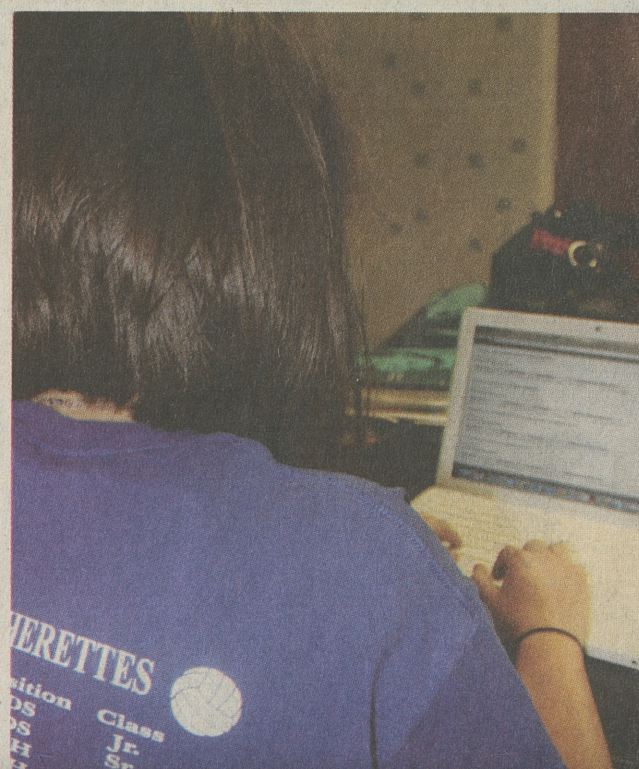
Gonorrhea is also a very common infectious disease. The highest reported rates of infection in the U.S. are among sexually active teenagers, young adults and African Americans.

"I hate to say this, but I don't really know much about gonorrhea or any of the other STDs. I guess I need more education about them. The word gonorrhea just makes it sound like it would really hurt," said Tyler Junior College sophomore Chelsea Hart.

The human papilloma virus, also known as HPV, is another common venereal disease. It is thought to be the most widespread STD, but since symptoms usually never appear it often goes undetected. Fortunately, a vaccine against it has become available in recent years.

"HPV is an epidemic," said Eij-sink. "Even if you have not been sexually active, I recommend getting the vaccine to prevent the spread of this disease."

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Changes in schedule for next semester

By Reginald White
Student Life Editor

The Spring 2011 semester is quickly coming to an end, and preparations for the fall semester are already in the works. Many changes on campus, such as another class schedule time slot and the Genecov building reopening after its reconstruction, are just a few things to come next fall.

Students can even start registering for classes online starting April 17 through August 4 on the official TJC website.

According to a desk assistant in the registers office "there isn't a set time slot for the new time schedule for the fall 2011 semester, but should be similar to the previous schedule before the one that is in affect now."

The time between classes will go back to 10 minutes between classes instead of 15 minutes, which means that class times will be altered a little to fit the new change.

One certain issue that students appear to be concerned about is the completion of the mass construction that is currently taking place on campus. The on-campus construction has been the topic of many discussions between students, and many haven't been so gung'ho about the situation.

"I really hope they finish with all this crap that their doing around campus next semester because we can't even get to our classes now, it's ridiculous," said freshman Gabriel Smooth.

Also, with the Genecov building now reopening, questions about the Apache Woodlands future have also been asked among students. The portables were meant to be a temporary placement for the science department to have classes held while the Genecov building was going through its construction.

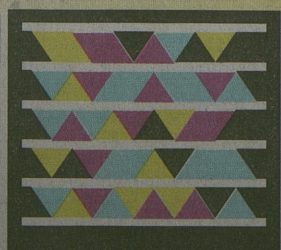
"I'm glad we get to go back to the Genecov building next semester, I got tired of making that walk way over there to class all the time. Then I heard that they're suppose to turn the woodlands into portables for some other class next semester, good luck to them," said Julius Mitchell, a sophomore nursing major.

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You do it because you love it... period

Finding the right path that best suits you



By Joshua Mumphrey
Editor-in-Chief

After a night of Googling, three years of schooling, an associate's degree and a pile of published articles later, I finally found my niche. Sure, I've really liked writing, but it wasn't until two weeks ago that I fell head over heels with the craft.

"Being a writer you can never plan on hitting it rich so you better be doing what you love," my journalism professor once said. Finding that just right journalism job at the perfect newspaper is still a work in progress I must admit, but at least I've discovered what I'm good at and what I love.

When choosing a career we as students must discover our interests and ex-

plore many different options before calling it quits or changing our majors. I almost made that mistake until writing my last story. It reminded me of the type of writing I was born to do and about why I started journalism in the first place.

I've always enjoyed scene setting and the involvement of real people living in the real world. I love sharing the stories of others, making a difference in their lives if just for a moment, and in those who read the piece. That sense of wonder, amazement, warmth, encouragement or maybe hope, is what I rest my reporter's hat on at the end of the day.

It's not about the kind of awards we win, but about the rewards we receive from the people's lives we've changed, bringing criminals to justice, offering closure and support, or sharing a compelling story with the world. It's what makes me proud to be a journalist and what will keep me writing better articles each week.

Regardless of what it is in your life or in your college career, don't let the fears of failure and striking out keep you from

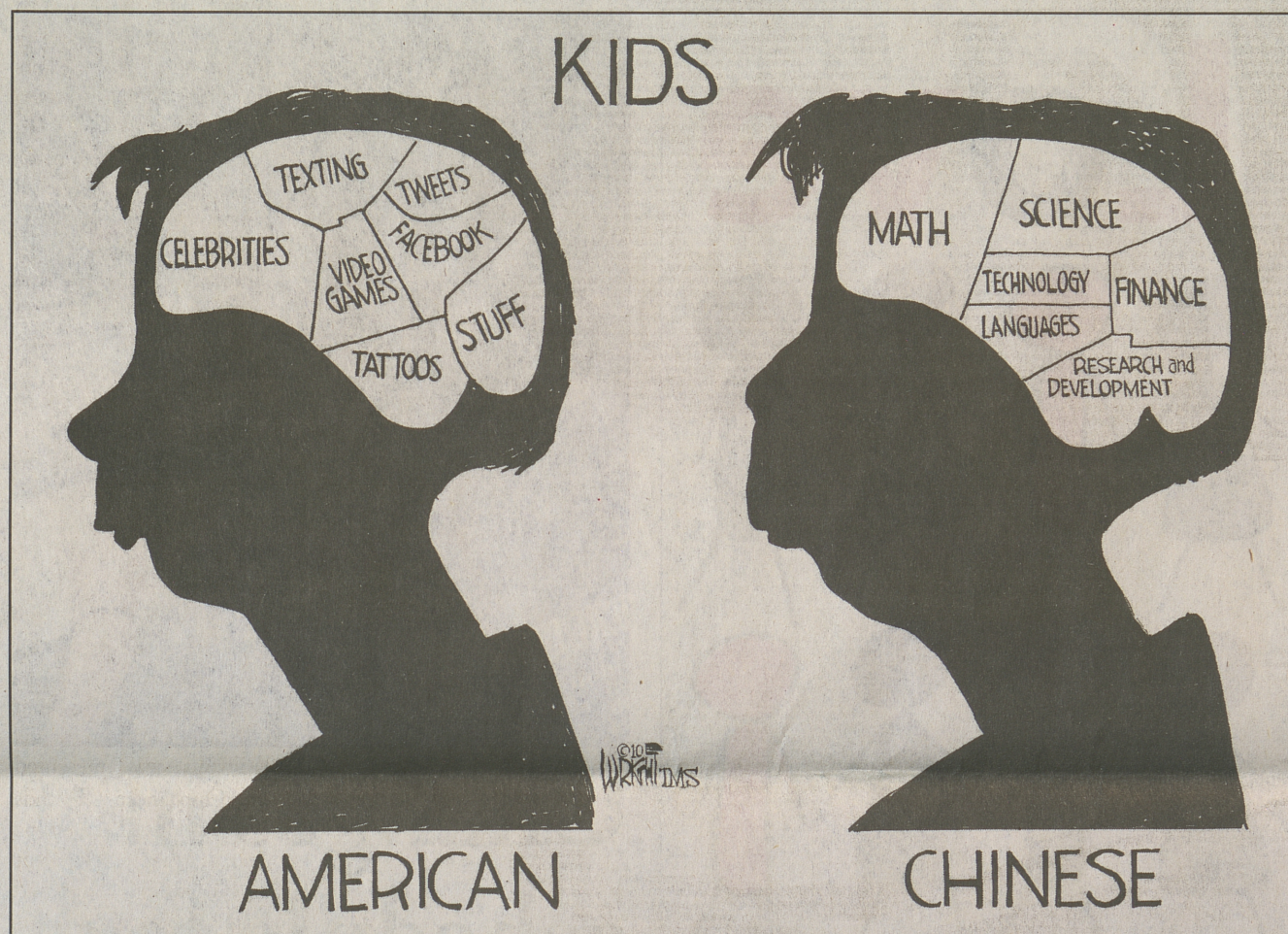
achieving your goal or hidden potential.

I have always wanted to write creatively, but I was unwilling to take the risk, afraid of what others would say because it wasn't safe or standard. It was the best decision I ever made and the story was a great success. I did it, not because it was what I

"You might not always succeed every time when you try something out of the norm, but that's expected."

thought others wanted, but because it was what I loved doing.

You might not always succeed every time when you try something out of the norm, but that's expected. Stepping outside of your comfort zone might end up putting you in the right place at the right time. Why not take a chance and find that perfect path that best suits you? It's worth it.



editorial

Junior college proves effective and efficient

When future students are considering their college options, most think community and junior colleges are way below the rank of four-year universities. This is an incorrect assumption because even though students cannot receive a bachelors or higher from 2-year universities, they still receive a well-rounded education as well as save money.

Community colleges are great for the struggling student because they are budget friendly. Two-year college tuition is usually much less expensive than four-year university tuition, and with

"Junior colleges can cut students a big break and let them complete their first two years at a less-costly tuition."

today's declining economy saving money on education can be a great help. With students who want a bachelor's degree, two-year universities are usually where they can complete their first two years of the process. Instead of struggling to support the cost of four years at a university, junior colleges can cut students a big break and let them complete their first two years at a less-costly tuition.

Not only are two-year colleges less pricey than universities, they also provide university-level education opportunities as well. TJC credits transfer to most universities and their technical programs are looked upon as distinguished, especially in the East Texas community. TJC not only provides the opportunity to receive associate degrees, but it provides technical program certifications as well as degrees in medical fields like nursing and dental hygiene. Community colleges are also a great place for continuing education where people who have had some college can return and work on their own time towards getting their degrees.

Junior colleges, like TJC, have university-level student and campus life opportunities. For students who want to leave home

and go away to college, most community colleges have dorms for students to live. Students do not have to be from the town to attend the college, and they can still save money by going. Also, students aren't missing out on the college-life experience because those same opportunities exist at junior colleges. TJC has concerts, comedians, talent shows, leadership retreats, dances, fundraisers and many other student activities. TJC also has many sport teams, a newspaper, an active art program, a theater and countless more school organizations on campus.

People say that community colleges provide fewer education and student life opportunities than four-year universities, and that attending junior colleges is just a lazy way to enter higher education. These assumptions are incorrect because there is nothing lazy about going to a two-year college first and, in most cases, it can be a wiser and cheaper solution.

Before people give community colleges a bad rap they need to research the reality of going to a two-year college and realize the benefits outweigh the disadvantages.

COMMENT OF THE WEEK

Posted April 4, 2011
Response To: Texting while driving can be fatal....

"Texting while driving is very dangerous. I think it does cause accidents making people not pay attention. Several of my friends have been in accidents, one of which involved a cellphone and led to a fatality. Text before or after you start driving. It's the best way."

- Stormy Philpot

TJCComments

We care what you think...

Posted April 4, 2011

Response to: Obesity on campus... over indulging

"I don't believe that there is any reason for anyone to be obese.

I know, that there are classes that you can take here at TJC that will help you with issues regarding eating.

TJC has a track with a lot of space to walk around and also a gym that anyone can utilize for free.

There is also a swimming pool that you can use and a clinic to help with blood pressure and medical issues such as diabetes.

I personally think there is no excuse. I get up at 5:30 a.m. in the morning and run two and a half miles every day.

I used to be 300 pounds and it's been a long journey, but I never want to get back there again.

I'm 39-years-old in school full-time and working full-time with two kids. If I can do it, I know someone else can."

-Ashley Vale

Posted April 4, 2011

Response to: Rising Gas Prices for commuters.....

"My biggest issue right now is gasoline. I just filled up my car this morning and it was \$3.54 in Jacksonville and it kills me.

It's like \$60 for a week back and forward and I only work part-time which makes it really hard.

I just really wish they would do something about it because I am a full-time student making only \$180 a week, having to half that with my gas expenses. It's really killing me."

- Diana Gonzalez

What students think... on campus.

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SOPHOMORE

- Maira Zulifqar

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TRAGEDY HITS HOME

News Briefs

CAMPUS

PHI THETA KAPPA WINS REGIONAL AWARDS

TJC's chapter of the international honor society Phi Theta Kappa, Alpha Omicron, received several honors at the annual Phi Theta Kappa Regional Convention in Austin, Texas. Alpha Omicron was recognized as a Five-Star Chapter, the highest ranking in Phi Theta Kappa, and was also recognized as a Texas Top Chapter. The chapter was also presented with the Communications Award, and these awards gave the chapter a scholarship to the Texas Honors Institute. Alpha Omicron received the Honors In Action Award for campus, community and regional projects involving Scholarship, Leadership and Community Service, and the Travel Award for bringing the most members over the farthest distance.

District III Vice President at the convention Brittny Case was named to the Texas Hall for Members. TJC Vice-president of Student Affairs Dr. Johnny Moore was inducted into the Texas Hall of Honor for Chief Executive Officers. Administrative Assistant in Student Affairs Regina Williams was presented the Outstanding Friends of Texas Phi Theta Kappa Award. Chapter president Samantha Richardson and Haley Koonce were inducted into the Texas Hall of Honor for Members.

District III Hall of Honor Inductees included Samantha Richardson, Haley Koonce, Kathryn Young, Paige Martin, Brittny Case, Meredith Smith, Carolina Espinoza, Josey Gonzalez, Will Stewart, Chris Galusha, and Zach Strout.

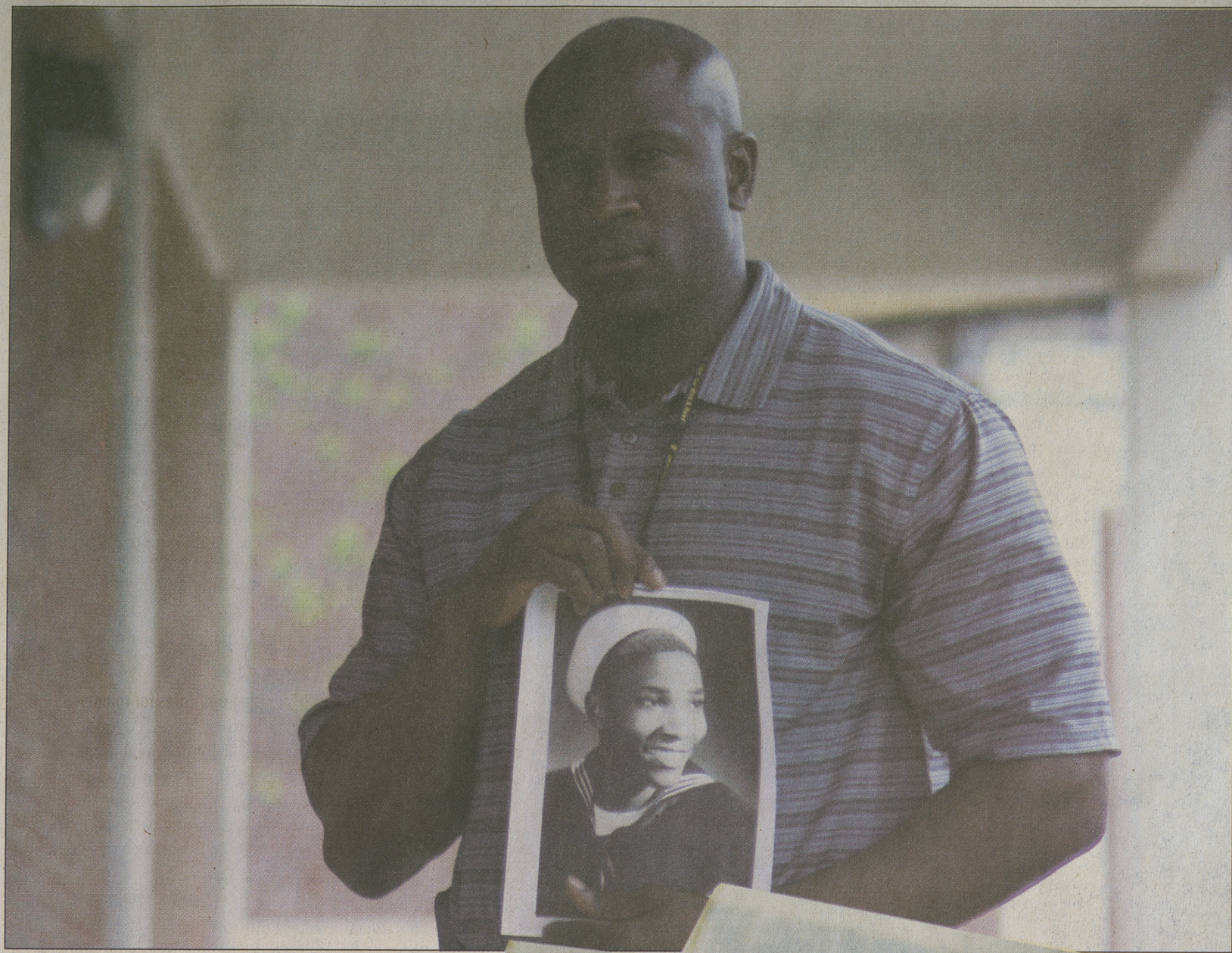
Alpha Omicron Advisors Shannon Cross, professor of history, and Gigi Delk, professor of Video Game Programming and Computer Science, received the Advisor's Horizon Award. Delk has also been named one of four faculty Honors Facilitators for the International Honors in Action conference in Seattle Washington later this month.

SPRING FLING

The annual Spring Fling will be held on either Thursday, April 21 or Friday, April 29. There will be a concert during the event but entertainers will be announced at a later date. Tickets will be available at the Student Life Office on the second floor of Rogers Student Center. Student must have a valid student ID to receive a ticket.

TJC'S 21ST INTERNATIONAL DAY

Free food, music, dance, exhibits and arts and crafts from around the world will be on hand for TJC's annual International Day, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 19, in the Apache Rooms in Rogers Student Center on TJC main campus. Admission is free.



TJC professor confronts the pain of losing a loved one

By Joshua Mumphrey
Editor-In-Chief

A tall, clean shaved, dark-eyed man instructed his students on the principles of law enforcement like every other Thursday afternoon.

As the students slouched in their chairs and hunched over their desks, he tried his best to hide his inner struggle with laughter and sarcasm, secretly clinging to a framed military flag in his office, and a worn, brown, bloodstained Bible that his father had left behind.

There is no comfort for Spencer Ellison now, only the longing for closure and peace. The Tyler Junior College professor and former police officer, lost his father, a 67-year-old Navy Veteran Dec. 9 in Little Rock, Ark. at the hands of his own colleagues and classmate in the police academy.

"It's been such a hard time for me lately," said Ellison. "Keeping busy has helped me to move forward. I still haven't had the opportunity to grieve or cry, and some days I honestly don't know what to feel. I just can't quite process it."

The events leading up to his father's death were a nightmare for any child to live through he explained. It was a situation that many in the community felt could have been avoided, despite what officials released in the report.

"We never wanted to take anyone's life," said Little Rock Police spokesman Lt. Terry Hastings. "We never want to result to this kind of deadly force unless it's completely necessary. It is a hard time when situations like this occur, but officers are trained to take out the threat in any circumstance."

The cold December night of Ellison's death, two female officers Donna Leshner and Tabitha McCrillis

were working off-duty security detail at the Big Country Chateau apartment complex just west of University and North Colonel Glen Road in Little Rock.

They noticed while observing the building and surroundings that a single door was left wide open in the middle of the night.

As they approached the open apartment, they could tell that something wasn't right. After looking inside, the apartment appeared to be in disarray resembling a scene of a struggle or like it had been ransacked.

They entered in further, seeing a man sitting down nearby in the apartment. Leshner and McCrillis asked if the man was in any danger, explained Hastings. But before they could ask any more questions, he quickly sprung to his feet and began attacking them.

"The man that the officers found sitting in the open apartment building was later identified as Eugene Ellison," said Hastings.

Photos by Joshua Mumphrey

REMEMBERING HIS FATHER:

Top: Spencer Ellison, criminal justice professor, stands in a breezeway, holding one of the last photos he has of his deceased father.

Bottom: The brown bloodstained Bible found in his father's back pocket is all Ellison has left behind. His father sustained two gunshot wounds to the chest, after an altercation with two police officers at an apartment complex in Little Rock, Ark. His father died as a result.

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INTERVENTION: The only way to save lives

By Howard Slacum
Staff Writer

"It could have been prevented."

The words are uttered in the wake of nearly every suicide and student-led school shooting. In the aftermath, officials count bodies and calculate losses while journalists write stories and post videos for the world to digest, inevitably someone says, 'it didn't have to end this way.'

They are endings that many attribute to mental illness and see as wake-up calls for early crisis intervention. Even Sallie Mae, the biggest name in student loans, is raising awareness of the issue. In an article on their website, the company states that the issue of mental illness among college students is a new priority for college and university presidents.

If mental illness is a pool that breeds suicides and student killing sprees, there is more water in the pool than in previous years. According to the 2009 National Survey of Counseling Center Directors, 93.4 percent of directors report that the recent trend toward greater numbers of students with severe

psychological problems continues to be true on their campuses.

Counseling centers can only speak about students who obtain their services. This creates a crack which some students fall into who need professional help but do not seek it. Creating a net to catch these students is the goal of pro-active programs such as Ventura College's Crisis Intervention Team. Among their goals is helping staff members recognize students who may need assistance.

According to training material on their website, "hostility, verbal aggression, depression, isolation and withdrawal are key signals that should not be ignored. Disregarding early warning signs facilitates escalation. It is better to offend a student by over-reacting and apologize, than to fail to act in the interest of everyone's safety."

The at-a-glance sheet defines three levels of warning signs and how staff members should respond. Level one warning signs are pronounced and sudden change in attendance patterns. Professors are advised to have a one-on-one conversation with the student and are given a five-point outline of how to do it.

Level three warning signs include aggressive and threatening behavior or gestures and visible agitation, physical tension, trembling. These indicate an extreme risk and staff are advised to immediately call campus police. As with level one, they are given additional steps to deescalate the situation.

The Ohio Criminal Justice Coordinating Center of Excellence created a Campus Safety in a Mental Health Context program. According to a Jan. 14, 2011 press release from Northeastern Ohio Universities Colleges of Medicine and Pharmacy, the program was created to be a comprehensive mental health promotion and suicide prevention plan for Ohio's colleges and universities.

"Evolving research suggests that the early identification and treatment of psychosis can alter the course of the illness and foster a faster, more complete recovery," says Mark R. Munetz, The Margaret Clark Morgan Foundation Endowed Chair in Psychiatry at Northeastern Ohio Universities Colleges of Medicine and Pharmacy.

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Program trains students for careers at power plants

By Caylee Stamps
Staff Writer

Luminant recently partnered up with Tyler Junior College to develop its new career developing Power Track program housed on the West Campus.

Luminant, a subsidiary of Energy Future Holdings Corp., formerly TXU Energy, is the largest generator of electricity in Texas. Luminant operates coal, nuclear and natural gas power plants and mines across Texas. Luminant is also the state's top lignite coal miner with annual production expected to grow from its average of 20 million tons to 33 million in order to meet the fuel needs of the new generation.

The annual production is not the only number rising. Fred Peters, director of marketing and public affairs for TJC, explained that the average age of Luminant's employees is 55. This aging work force creates the need to train the next generation.

Luminant has partnered with TJC to create the Power Track program. This program concentrates on recruiting motivated students who desire hands-on work.

Dr. Mike Metke, president of Tyler Junior College, de-

scribed the partnership between TJC and Luminant.

"Typically what happens in industries is they are great at performing whatever service but they are not near as good at educating people. That is really what we specialize in. It is a wonderful partnership. We're the ones who know about education and they're the ones that have the jobs and the need and the skilled specialists," Metke said.

Metke continued explaining that TJC serves as the credentialing agency for Luminant and provides housing for the equipment and resources that TJC could not have afforded without the partnership.

The qualifications in order to apply for the Power Track includes: a high school diploma (or equivalent) minimum of a 2.5 GPA, and completion of an aptitude test prior to acceptance. Peters said the company is looking for the cream of the crop.

"They are recruiting statewide. They are looking for 30 students to start and not all of those will come right from the Tyler area. They will choose the best they can," said Peters.

Those who are selected will be recipients of a full scholarship. This includes books and tuition for an associate's degree from TJC. Students will also receive a paid internship at a Lu-

minant power plant in Texas in between their freshman and sophomore years, during which the student will be paired with an experienced power plant employee.

Those who would like to continue and become a part of the Luminant work force must maintain a 2.7 GPA in core energy courses and 2.5 in general studies, complete the internship, and display a desire to continue working for Luminant.

The benefits of the program include a debt-free graduation and the potential to grow and enter the work force immediately.

"These people are likely to earn over \$100,000 a year or the earning potential. These are really good paying jobs," Metke said.

There are not many programs that are like the Luminant Power Track.

"There are just a couple of programs like this across the country that you can graduate with an associate's degree and go immediately into a higher-scale, higher-paying job," Peters said.

For those interested in the program, the application and more information can be found online at www.luminantpowertack.com.

campusSCENE



Photos by Reginald White

NEVER-ENDING CONSTRUCTION Above: The ongoing construction on TJC campus gets closer and closer to the buildings where are classes are held. Below: Construction worker stretches and takes a break from work.



Music can both entertain and stimulate

By Karena Love
Staff Writer

Studying is one of the top priorities of a college student. However, music can be a way of studying. Finding the right method of studying can be a difficult task for a student.

Different students have different methods of studying for their quizzes, tests, and homework. Students may prefer to study alone, in a group, in complete silence without any surrounding distractions or even while listening to music.

"It really depends on what I am studying. If it's something like for last minute cramming like I am with Dr. K's test tomorrow, then I won't. If it's just for a long term setting for lab or biology then I will listen to classical music like Charlotte Church," said Michelle Bryant, Tyler Junior College music major. "Anything with rock or stuff like that I find distracting. If anything, I tend to listen to something without drums or guitar."

According to americanchronicle.com, the type of music we listen to affects the brain. Some music has been proven and helps memorization, to help us retain information we have learned. It has to do with order, symmetry, rhythmic patterns, repetition, ideal mathematical form, and harmony.

"If I am doing memorization like just distinctly memorizing just one thing, then I can't because I tend to chant things when I am memorizing and music would offset that," said Bryant.

However, the method of studying with music basically depends on the individual.

"I do not listen to music while I study," said Kelly Spencer, TJC Nursing major. "I don't like the distraction. I like quiet, to focus and every once and awhile I listen to light classical music. I get to focusing on what I am studying and then I don't even get up and do it even when I have that thought."

According to homeworktip.com, the most commonly recognized learning styles are visual learning, tactile learning, and auditory learning. It is important to discover your own prominent learning style to determine how to study most effectively, but it's also important to know your learning style in order to recognize potential problems.

"I think I am very visual so I do a lot of re-reading and making out flashcards," said Spencer.

TJC students can discover their learning style by taking inventories at the Learning Loft on the third floor of Roger Student Center.

Students who listen to music while studying may become distracted and lose studying time.

"I recommend that they don't listen to music while they are reading," said Tracey Williams, TJC Tutor Coordinator/Learning Specialist. "But set a timer for that.... say between 12 to 20 minutes time and when that timer goes off then they can listen to that one song then go back to reading."

Williams also says music choice is important for one thing, it doesn't need to be terribly long and it also does not need to be something that gets students revved up. Some prefer relaxing music while others prefer instrumental music instead of music that has words. Williams recommends a song between one to three minutes in length. It gives you a break. Longer breaks than intended can make the student lose studying time. Quick breaks can relax the student so that they can get back to their material and not lose time.

YOUTH MUSIC STATISTICS

Just the facts

90 percent 18- to 20-year-olds say listening to music improves productivity while completing a task. This information was found by conducting a survey and studying statistics for a large amount of students in the U.S.

Just the facts

Workers can concentrate better when listening to music. A survey finds that nearly one-third -32 percent- of 1,613 U.S. employees said they listen to music while working through the use of an iPod, MP3 player or similar device.

Source: Online web site: www.teachersatrisk.com

Getting hired after college

Students can learn how to create the perfect resume to impress future employers after graduation

By LaToni Thomas
Staff Writer

Graduation is around the corner at Tyler Junior College and the pressure is on to land the best jobs.

Vital to landing a job, employers look for a resume and cover letter to get a sense of who you are. You may have had the most jobs or the best jobs, but the skills you take away from the job is what potential employers will be looking for. Also, the one page introduction about yourself called the cover letter. Cover letters are fairly new to the resume process and shows the employers who you are, before they even begin reading your resume. Not only will having the college degree put you on the map, but also having computer skills as well.

"They are definitely looking for skills," said Ishmeal Benjamin, assistant director of Student Life. "They also look at your ability to utilize all Microsoft programs. It's very important no matter what field you go in."

Resumes show your skills, but a cover letter shows who you are. Cover letters let employers see if the candidate is worthy and to formulate an idea of what the candidates are capable of, what fields they work best in, and what they would be most comfortable doing.

"The cover letter is the very first step to getting recognized," said Benjamin.

Resumes and cover letters have to be in a certain format and can be frustrating for students trying to figure it out on their own. So while some students are going through the pro-

cess alone, TJC has the Career Services office to help students build a resume.

Joseph Talbot, a sophomore at TJC decided to go through Career Services to get help with making a resume and a cover letter.

"She gave me a bunch of information, booklets, and flyers. She also works with my personally," said Talbot. "She gave me examples of what a resume should look like and a cover letter."

Career Services also hosted a job fair of Apr. 6. At the job fair, there were potential employers from the Tyler area such as Sudden Link, Southside Bank, and Remedy Staffing.

"We look for a solid work history, clear criminal background, and preferably someone with an associates degree," said Tiffany Phillips, branch manager of Remedy Staffing.

Companies are looking for someone who is dependable, reliable, and loyal to their company and their number one concern is getting to see your resume and cover letter.

"A resume sells them for the position, but the cover letter lets you know them a little better before making the placement," said Phillips.

Christina Mitchell, recruiter for Sudden Link, also prefers the future employee comes in with a cover letter.

"A cover letter lets us see that the person is able to express themselves," said Mitchell. "Anything not on the cover letter should be on the resume."

Graduation is set for May 13 and the skills, extracurricular, and community service a student gets from the college will be vital to their resume for future jobs to come.

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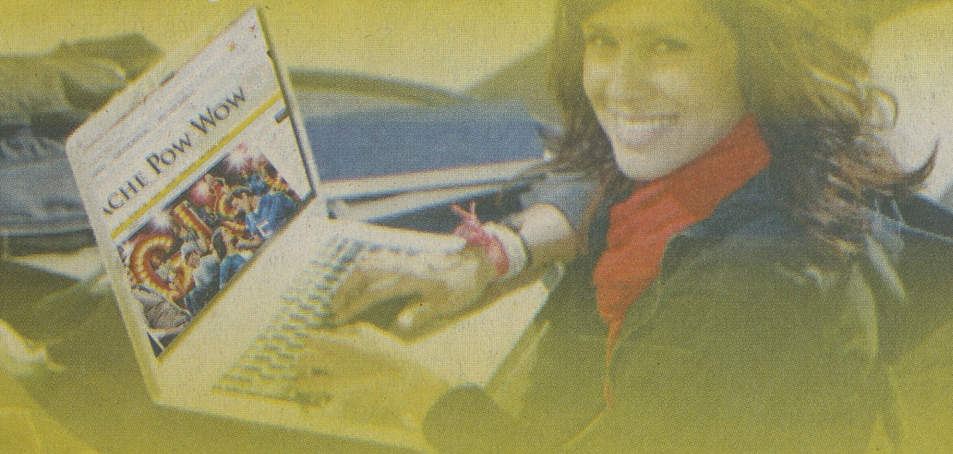
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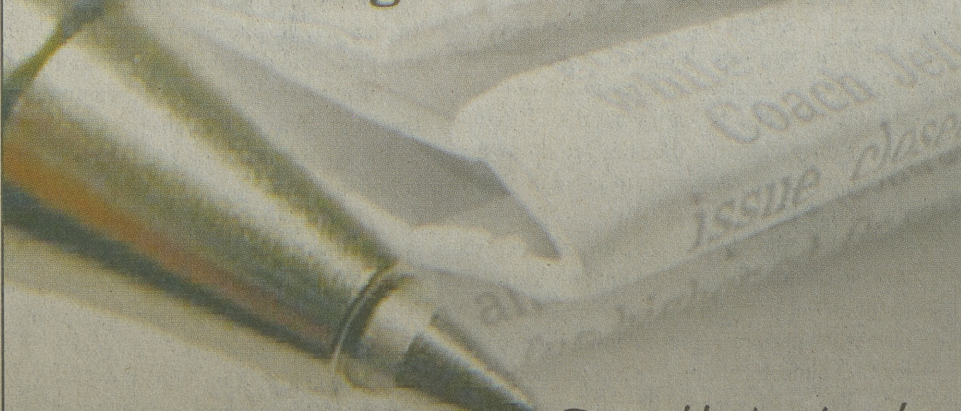
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Not your average little drummer boys

TJC indoor drumline prepares for world championships in Dayton, Ohio

By Jarah Wright
Associate Editor

Crash. Rat a tat tat. Thump thump. Click. Ding. These sounds fill Gentry Gym as members of Tyler Junior College's Indoor Drumline rehearse their show "In A Flash." They are practicing for the Winter Guard International World Championships that will be held in Dayton, Ohio on April 14-16.

According to Winter Guard International's website, they are a premier organization that produces indoor color guard and percussion ensemble competitions. This organization was founded in 1977 and at last year's World Championships, there were over 11,000 participants.

Director Tom McGowan decided to start an indoor drumline program at TJC in December 2006.

"We started the indoor program for three reasons," said McGowan. "We did this to offer more educational opportunities to students and music majors. Secondly, the state of Texas has good players but there wasn't really a successful indoor program. Indoor also helps bring up individual playing skills for those in the marching band and keeps them playing between marching seasons."

Since the program's formation, the indoor drumline has been outperforming four-year colleges such as Boston University and Penn State and in 2008, they were named the Winter Guard International Percussion Independent Open World Champions. Last year, the group was bumped up from the Independent Open class to the advanced Independent World class, the highest classification in Winter Guard competitions, where they were finalists.

The drumline also has sponsorships with Dynasty USA, Sabian Cymbals, Innovative Percussion and Evans Drumheads. According to McGowan, such sponsorships are a big deal.

"These sponsorships would be like if the football team got Nike shoes to wear," he said.

Last spring, Dynasty USA chose the TJC indoor drumline to represent them at the Indoor Percussion Europe Championships, which were held in Crawley, UK. They were the only ensemble from the United States at the event.

However, such awards and accolades don't come without lots of hard work and sacrifice. Auditions are typically held in November and they begin practicing during Christmas Break.

"We typically do a four-day drill camp and then spend three days learning the music," said McGowan. "Then when school starts we typically have Friday night rehearsals from 7-11, Saturday rehearsals from 10-11 and Sunday rehearsals from 10-4."

All of that time excludes traveling and competitions, but members say it's worth it.

"I got into indoor because I wanted to challenge myself to a higher level of drumline," said bass drummer Dave Matthews. "A drumline that takes performance to a new level and can look good doing it. It's an experience not offered by many schools, so to have that opportunity, I am very thankful."

Many of the members are from different schools throughout the state. They register for the class and commute every weekend for rehearsals.

"We have members from UT-Austin, UT-Arlington, Texas A&M Commerce, Stephen F. Austin University, Sam Houston State University, the University of North Texas and San Jacinto," said McGowan.

Many people are behind the scenes working to prepare the drumline for their competitions throughout the spring semester.

Two people write the music each season for the drumline. Mark Reynolds, the vice president of Dynasty Drums, writes the music for the front ensemble, which includes xylophones, marimbas, keyboards, bass guitar and drum sets. Shane Gwaltney, percussion caption head



Photo by Jarah Wright

GETTING IN THE GROOVE: Members of the indoor drumline rehearse their show in Gentry Gym on April 9. They leave for the World Championships in Dayton, Ohio on April 13.

for the Phantom Regiment, an elite drum and bugle corp that participates in Drum Corps International events, writes the music for the battery, which includes cymbals, snare drums, bass drums and tenors.

Karman Trotter is the assistant director and choreographer. She incorporates dance styles such as ballet to give the drumline smooth, graceful movements that transition into different shapes throughout the show. Richard Kearns is the battery coordinator. He coordinates all of the sections in the battery and also helps coordinate the music.

There are also several techs that hold sectionals and help work out music, movements and how to put them together seamlessly and effectively. The techs are Matt Pool-snare drum tech, Nick Beaudett-tenor tech, Rob Barcelobass tech, Savannah Schuring-cymbal tech and Andrew Lynge-pit tech.

McGowan credits the SSFAC committee for helping the drumline get needed equipment for this season. The drumline received \$13,000 to update equipment.

"We are thankful for the support from the SSFAC committee," said McGowan. "With

the money we received, we were able to trade in our old, stressed drums that we were about to have to replace anyway and were able to get new drums. We were also able to get a new sound system."

The drumline is already having a successful season. They have placed third in a regional competition in Chattanooga, Tenn. and have gotten higher scores this season than they did last season. This season's show "In A Flash" consists of five segments and the concept is based on the thought that life can pass you by, so enjoy the moments while they last. Members of the drumline were initially a little nervous about picking this as a theme.

"We thought at first that it was a little deep. Some groups won't touch that kind of material," said McGowan. "But we were able to do it cleverly enough; everyone was able to get it. They bought into it and the judges wanted us to go deeper, which is unusual."

The group is now looking toward the World Championships with anticipation.

"We put forth a lot of hard work," said Matthews. "No matter what happens, in the end, the juice was worth the squeeze."



Photo by Christopher Jones

SWEATING BULLETS: The competition squad practices in the blazing sun in the parking lot of the Ornelas dorms at Tyler Junior College for their upcoming competition at Notre Dame.

TJC color guard raises funds while teaching how to twirl

By Christopher Jones
Verve Editor

In a room full of band instruments, five girls find a space just big enough to stretch. They are getting ready to go out into the hot sun to practice.

The twirlers are a part of the Tyler Junior College Color Guard and they are preparing for their color guard clinic. This is an opportunity for young ladies to learn more about twirling and college competitions.

"We invite kids from 3 years old all the way up to seniors in high school," said Karmen Trotter, advisor for the color guard.

Girls from schools all over East Texas will come and learn new routines to possibly use at their own schools, learn what the TJC color guards does and what they need to do to sign up for tryouts if they want to become part of the team.

When the clinic starts, the girls will be separated into skill levels and not only learn new routines, but get help with problems they may have when performing for their high schools or, for the younger girls, private competitions.

"We try to make it anything and everything," said Jessica Leonard, captain of the TJC twirlers. "We use it for recruitment, critiquing, and showing them tricks they can do together like group exchanges."

The girls will be out on the floor helping both in groups and one-on-one, teaching routines that those who have come to the clinic

can use in competitions of their own.

This is the third time TJC has held a clinic for twirlers and the second for both the twirlers and color guard. Invitations have been sent as far as Houston and Austin. Judging from the amount of forms sent in, the girls are expecting a huge turnout.

"Basically it is a fund raiser to help us get to nationals," said Trotter.

The TJC twirlers themselves have different reasons for joining the group. Some got into it in high school and others had parents get them involved.

"I was inspired by my mother. She was a twirler herself. She was great and helped me out a lot," said freshman Taylor Skinner.

The twirlers have been around as long as the band. During the fall, they are dedicated to the band but during the spring they go to competitions.

"In the last three years, we branched out and starting actually having a competition squad and doing a lot more community service and more traveling and getting known," said Trotter.

The competition squad went to Maui, won regionals and have now decided to go to the collegiate nationals in Southbend, Ind. at the famous Notre Dame campus.

There will be auditions for twirlers and color guard members on April 30 for anyone interested in joining.

For more information on the auditions, call the band hall office at (903) 510-2242.

‘The Diviners’ brings message of hope, faith

By Taylor Belt
Staff Writer

Everyone can recall a time when they needed their faith renewed. Some people give up on themselves while others search to make themselves better or to find a little hope at the end of the tunnel.

In the upcoming April play "The Diviners" the characters are searching for their lights at the end of the tunnel.

"People want to start over again sometimes, try something different with their lives," said sophomore Caden Crawford.

Crawford plays C.C. Showers, a preacher who got to the point where he never really wanted to preach. He begins to live up to everyone's expectations and finally when he can't take it anymore he leaves and heads out to find faith in something again.

"I feel like I can really play this role. [I understand] the way he feels about things, his personality. When I read this script, I envisioned myself as C.C.," said Crawford. "Everyone always has something they run away from."

Although C.C. Showers is running from something in his past, he befriends someone that the play centers around.

Sophomore Corey Finzel plays Buddy Layman, also known as "Idiot Boy." His character is said to bring a little hope to the play.

"My character Buddy Layman, the idiot boy as they call him in the script, brings hope to the show," said Finzel. "Even though he is dealing with his own personal guilt he still brings hope to all the characters."

Buddy Layman is known as the Diviner.

"A diviner is someone who can find water and other minerals in the ground with just a willow rod or dosing rods," said Finzel.

While some have the gift of finding water in the play, the performers all share the same common goal.

"Everyone in the play is longing for something. Something they really long for or diving for," said Crawford.

Rebecca Faulds, a theater director of 15 years at Tyler Junior College, is working hard to bring this play to life, and make it more believable and relatable to the audience.

SHOWTIMES

April 27-30
7:30 p.m., Jean Browne Theatre

May 1
2 p.m., Jean Browne Theatre

Source: TJC Theatre Dept.

"This is my first time working with her. She pushes hard and asks lots of questions," said Crawford. "I started learning about my character and learned a lot more about the play."

Faulds dedicated a whole rehearsal to research. She made all the performers in the play do research on the times and settings to get a better feel of their roles.

"They had to do research on the time period, what was happening in the country politically and socially. The play took place during the Great Depression era," said Faulds. "I made them get on the internet and look up maps so we could visually draw out the setting for the play. We had a lot of fun"

Even though playing these roles may seem easy to some, characters are challenging themselves in more than one way.

"I have been trying to get in touch with my inner child and really think of how I acted when I was 14," said Finzel. "For example, Becky tells me to fall to the ground like a kid would and I tried it but still looked like a goofy college kid falling to the ground. So it has been a challenge all on its own."

Whether the play has been challenging for some, the concept for "The Diviners" is up for the audience's interpretation.

"I want them to walk away having to feel all the emotions and struggles these people feel; why the characters made the decisions they made," said Faulds. "What you may think your doing is right and what may make sense to you doesn't mean it's right. Everyone will walk away with something different."

"The Diviners" begins at 7:30 p.m. April 27 and ends May 1 with a matinee performance 2p.m. Sunday in Jean Browne Theatre. The box office opens a week before the play begins. TJC students get in free with their student ID and for non-TJC students, tickets will be \$5. Faculty and staff are able to get two free tickets.



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AROUND THE HORN

Pass the popcorn

By Jarah Wright
Associate Editor

Pop culture is a phenomenon that gauges the popularity of certain things in the American public. Sports play a big role in this and often create memories that are associated with the times. For example, if someone blurted out a random year, there is probably someone out there who could tell you who won the Super Bowl, the World Series or the NBA Finals.

I am a child of the 90's. Growing up, the biggest name in sports was Michael Jordan. Jordan was known for his intensity on the basketball court whether it was a slam dunk on the offensive side or a steal from the opposing team on the defensive side.

He was not only a fixture in the basketball world. In 1996, "Space Jam" was released. Jordan has retired from basketball and decided to become a baseball player where he is terrible. Meanwhile, Bugs Bunny and the Looney Tunes have bet on a basketball game between them and aliens that acquired NBA talent from several players like Charles Barkley and Shawn Bradley. They kidnap Jordan to play in the basketball game with them and defeat the aliens. It was a huge hit grossing over \$90 million in the United States. I'm sure there are many people out there like me who remember the movie and love it.

One such person is Andrew Mooney of the Harvard Sports Analysis Collective. According to the organization's website, this is an extension of Harvard College that is dedicated to the quantitative analysis of sports strategy and management. This is a club for students interested in sports statistics, business and problem solving. Mooney wrote an article about compiling the box score for "Space Jam." This group took the time to watch the movie and wrote out a box score for the Looney Tunes versus the Monstars game. They found several inconsistencies such as there were no rebounds recorded in the game by either team. A movie that still garners such interest over a decade after it's release proves how much of an impact "Space Jam" had.

Another athlete who has made his mark on the movie industry is Jim Brown. Brown played football as a running back for the Cleveland Browns from 1957 to 1965. He was inducted into the Professional Football Hall of Fame in 1971. Brown has starred in such movies as "The Dirty Dozen," "Any Given Sunday," and "Mars Attacks!" He has also guest starred on TV shows like the original "Knight Rider."

Many people don't realize that Jason Lee, who plays Earl on "My Name is Earl," was a professional skateboarder in the early 90's. He founded Stereo Skateboards with fellow skateboarder Chris Pastras. In the skateboarding video game "Tony Hawk's Project 8," Lee had a character made from his likeness and he did the voice for the character. Lee is now known for appearing in TV shows and movies that range from comedies like "Clerks 2" to family-friendly movies like providing the voice for Syndrome in "The Incredibles."

There have been many memorable moments of athletes on screen. Quarterback Brett Favre was in "There's Something About Mary" playing one of the many love interests of Cameron Diaz. Vinnie Jones played soccer from 1984-1999 for Wimbledon, Leeds United, Sheffield United, Chelsea and Queens Park. He has starred in movies such as "Swordfish" and "X-Men: The Last Stand." He also had a memorable role as the coach in the movie "She's The Man."

Athletes are not only making their way into movies. They are also inspiring musicians. In Nelly Furtado's song "Promiscuous," she mentions Phoenix Suns point guard Steve Nash. The lyrics go "Is that the truth or are you talkin' trash. Is your game MVP like Steve Nash?" She is making reference to Nash's MVP awards for the 2004-2006 seasons.

Another example would be pop music singer Aaron Carter. In the late 90's Carter was popular and had such hits as "I Want Candy" and "Aaron's Party (Come Get It)." In 2001, Carter released "That's How I Beat Shaq." In the song, Carter describes how he played one-on-one with Boston Celtics Center Shaquille O'Neal. As the song develops he describes how he earned points by telling O'Neal that his shoelaces were untied and then eventually went on to beat Shaq.

With so many athletes, past and present, the only limitation to pop culture references would be a person's imagination.



Courtesy Photo

MAKING LIFELONG MEMORIES: Former TJC head baseball coach Jon Groth, second row on the left, and the Athletes in Action baseball team take their team picture during their trip to Sweden in 1982.

Athletes in Action provides playing opportunities around the world

By Jarah Wright
Associate Editor

In an evolving sports world, athletes are changing. They are brought up to be bad role models. That is one image that Athletes in Action is hoping to change.

Athletes in Action is the sports ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ International. It was founded in 1966 to meet the needs of athletes and coaches and enhance their relationship with Christ.

"It began with a group of US wrestlers who went to Japan," said Mark Householder, President of Athletes in Action. "They used their match as a platform to communicate their faith."

Since then, Athletes in Action has grown to include many different sports including basketball, baseball, tennis, track and field, volleyball, wrestling, soccer, softball, and hockey. There are many different teams for each sport that travel throughout the United States and go to several countries around the world each year.

"We've been all over the world," said Chris Beck, Director of Baseball Operations for Athletes in Action. "We've been to countries like Australia, Korea, the Philippines, Yugoslavia, Mexico and Nicaragua. One summer we put 9,000 miles on the van traveling across the United States playing."

The Athletes in Action basketball team has had a historic reputation. The team from the 70's was considered the top amateur team in the world. According to Householder, this team defeated the Russian National Team at least five times and was asked to represent the United States in the 1978 FIBA World Championship tournament. Athletes in Action basketball teams used to play exhibition games

against college teams for pre-season practice but the NCAA changed pre-season policies and these exhibition games were discontinued.

Athletes in Action also holds an annual Super Bowl Breakfast and names the winner of the Bart Starr Award for leadership and community service. This year's recipient of the Bart Starr Award was Drew Brees. Brees started the Brees Dream Foundation that has raised over \$6 million to advance cancer research and helps rebuild schools, parks and playgrounds in several cities like New Orleans and San Diego.

This is the baseball program's thirty-third year. The baseball program has several strong ties to TJC.

Former TJC head baseball coach Jon Groth played on the Athletes in Action baseball teams in the early 80's.

"In 1982 I played on a team that went to Sweden and in 1983 I played on a team that went to the Orient. We played in Japan, Korea and Taiwan," said Groth. "Those summers changed my life. It challenges you. It took me to places I've never been. Those years solidified my day to day relationship with God."

Doug Wren, TJC head baseball coach, coached an Athletes in Action team that traveled to Nicaragua in the summer of 2009.

"We went to Nicaragua with 20 guys," said Wren. "We played for two weeks. It was a great experience."

Schedules are usually very compact with lots of events and practices put together.

"Over the summer they play eight to ten weeks. There isn't a whole lot of practicing. There are usually only three to four practices before the first game," said Beck. "They typically play 50 to 60 games each

summer which is close to a pro schedule."

While traveling, teams give clinics to underprivileged children teaching them baseball and also played exhibition games against local teams.

"We have a great time doing it," said Beck. "We minister to the people but they minister to us more. For many of the players, this is their first time out of the country. They come back changed."

Stateside teams also go to several prisons and play softball games against inmates.

Beck said that this is a training ground for athletes, not only spiritually but also mentally.

"As a professional athlete, fans are always wanting something from you. We train our athletes to show humility and maturity handling these situations."

There are also several requirements for athletes wanting to play on these teams.

"They must be able to compete stateside," said Beck. "There are no requirements to know Christ but players must be open to what we are doing. We are upfront so all the players know what they are getting themselves into."

Several professional baseball players have gone through Athletes in Action. One of them is Ben Zobrist who is currently the second baseman for the Tampa Bay Rays. He played with one of the baseball teams in 2001. Another alumni is Robbie Weinhardt who is a relief pitcher for the Detroit Tigers. Last year was his first year to play in the major leagues.

For more information about Athletes in Action, playing opportunities, or internships, go to the organization's website at www.athletesinaction.org.



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REPRESENTING AIA: Above: Athletes in Action provides opportunities for athletes to travel but also enhance their relationship with God. Right: Former TJC head baseball coach Jon Groth take a break from playing baseball in Sweden during his 1982 trip with Athletes in Action.



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April 16, 1:00 p.m. @ Louisiana State University-Eunice

April 18, 1:00 p.m. @ Northeast Texas CC

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Coached by: Sandy Terry
April 18-19
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Abilene, TX



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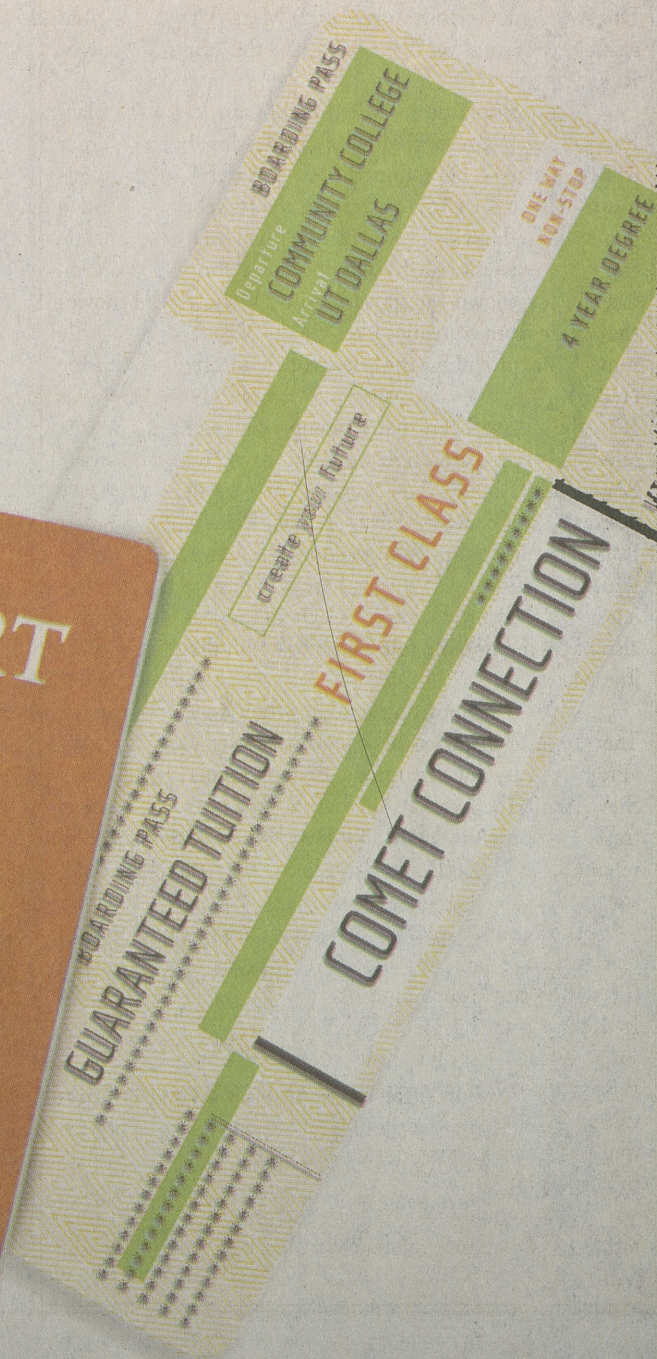
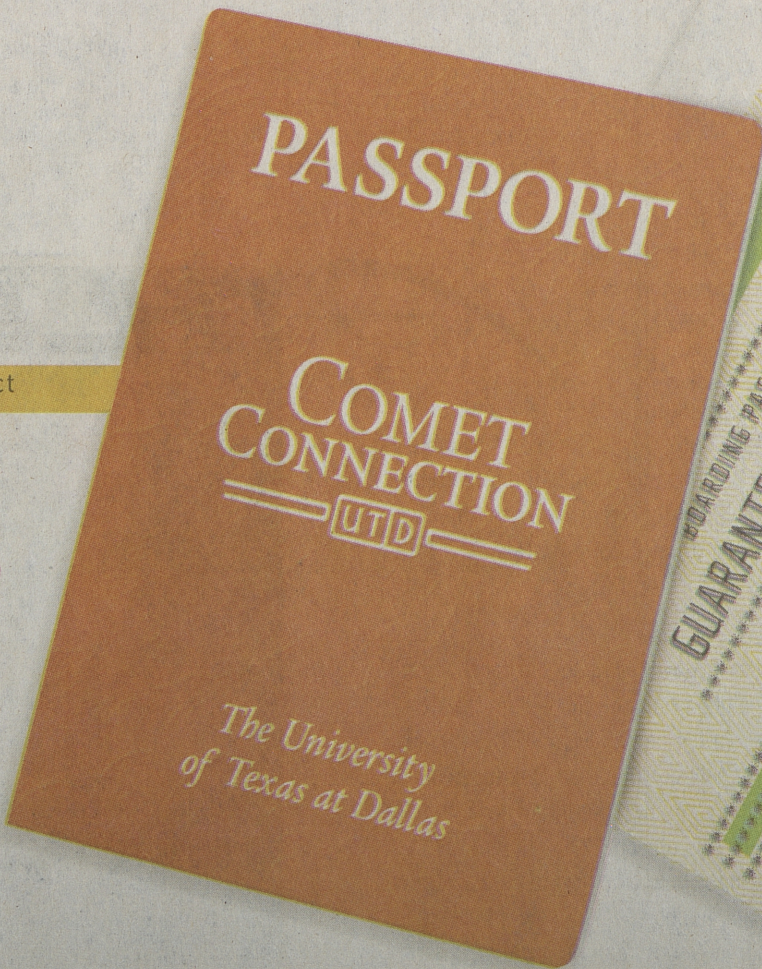
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"During the struggle, the officers used pepper spray and a collapsible baton that he managed to wrestle from one of the officers, but they later retrieved it. The struggle continued just before he grabbed a heavy wooden cane and as he did one of the female officers [Donna] pulled her weapon and fired."

Ellison sustained two gunshot wounds to the chest and was pronounced dead at the hospital. He was medically diagnosed as mentally ill, suffering from schizophrenia, which was later discovered after the shooting, explained Hastings.

An internal investigation was conducted by the same police department where Tabitha McCrillis, Donna Leshner and her husband Sgt. James Leshner, a homicide supervisor, all worked. This caused people to question whether there was a conflict of interest in the department but according to Hastings, investigations like these are done within the police force all the time.

"We go to great steps and document those steps to make sure there isn't a conflict of interest," said Hastings. "There are people who allege it, but we make sure that doesn't happen."

Troy Ellison, a police detective in Little Rock, notified his brother Spencer the night he discovered their father had been shot and killed. It was 11:50 p.m. when Spencer got the call. It was one call he wished never came through.

It was finals week and he was finishing grading a stack of papers regarding the topic of "deadly force" in the field of law enforcement.

His phone rang and he answered. He knew immediately that something was wrong by the tone of his brother's voice. His brother began telling him that there was a shooting involving an officer on the force and that it also involved their dad, Eugene.

"I remember asking my brother if our dad was OK," said Ellison. "He answered saying no, he wasn't. He died. After hanging

up the phone, I just sat there motionless in shock and in disbelief. I had lost my father and the worst thing of all he was killed by one of my colleagues."

Days after the shooting and the phone call, people gathered to honor Ellison's father. Among a sea of 300 family and friends were officers dressed formally in shirts and ties. They gathered at an old white and brown brick chapel at Premiere Funeral home in Little Rock to pay their respects to the 67-year-old man who lost his life just days before.

There weren't any tears shed that day, only laughs and stories of humor. People who knew him well reflected upon happier times and brighter days before their loss.

"My father was known as a quiet and humble man. A man of few words," Ellison said. "He maintained a fairly simple life believing in God and he always carried a small pocket Bible on him wherever he went. He treated people the way he wanted to be treated and he took life for what it was and each day at a time. He will be truly missed by his friends and family."

It is a struggle for Ellison each day after losing his father so suddenly, but he finds strength through teaching and instructing his students. It allows a form of emotional healing and therapy, he explained.

"My students want the best from me," Ellison said. "And I give them the best. They help me stay busy and encouraged, which is how I've learned to heal. Being in the classroom really helps me mentally, physically and emotionally. It assures me that I have a purpose, a reason to wake up in the morning and help give back the best I know how."

Despite the obstacles in his life, Ellison has inspired so many through his determination and drive.

"I know personally it has been a hard time for Spencer, but

considering the circumstances he's holding up very well," said Dr. Shelia Holmes, a former student of Ellison's and faculty member at TJC. "He is extraordinary as a professor and he doesn't let anything get in the way of his main purpose, which is helping his students. He's a great human being and a brilliant man."

The Ellison family has filed a civil rights violation complaint with the FBI that is still ongoing, but Spencer is a strong believer in God and he knows that his loss must have a greater purpose.

"Everything happens for a reason and even if we don't benefit from it, I hope someone else can. This is going to change things in a lot of places," said Ellison. "But I just hope if anything, it forces officers to use better judgment looking at each situation objectively before throwing things out there. My father was a caring and gentle 67-year-old man who didn't bother anyone. I know, he didn't deserve to die."

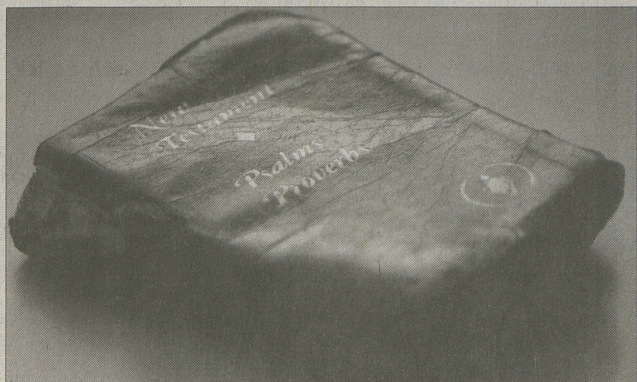


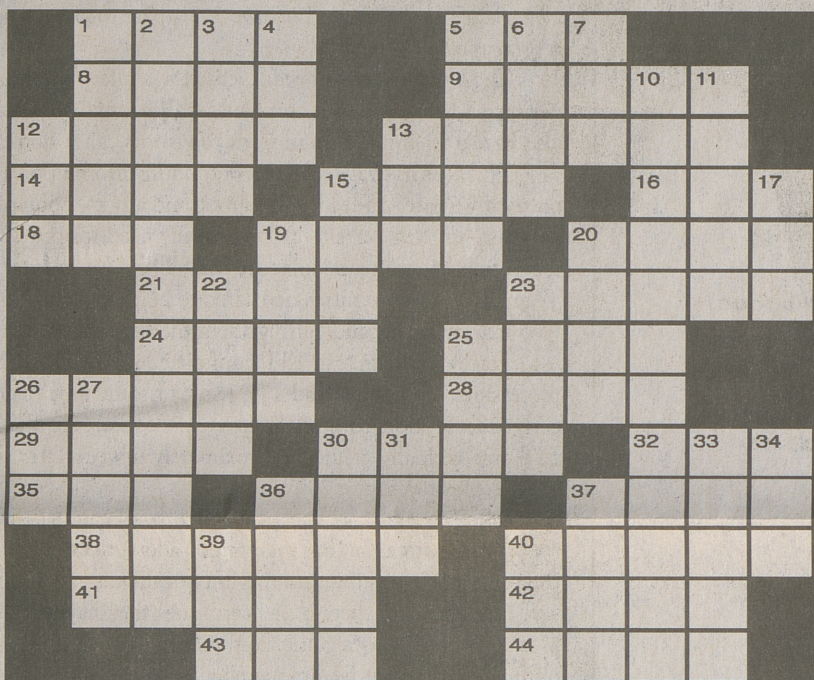
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ONE OF A KIND The bible that was found with Ellison's father after the shooting.

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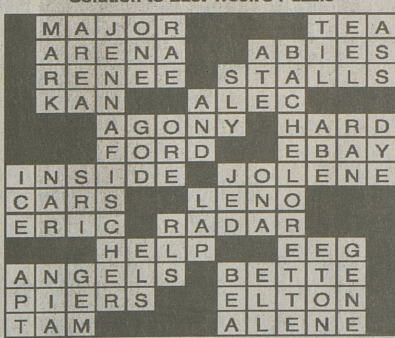
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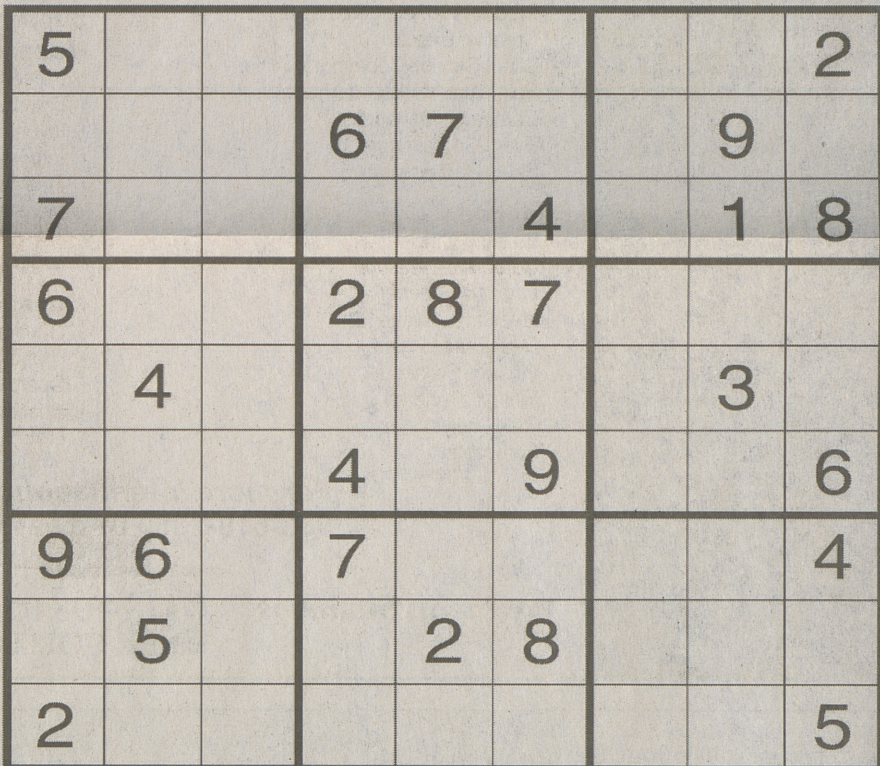
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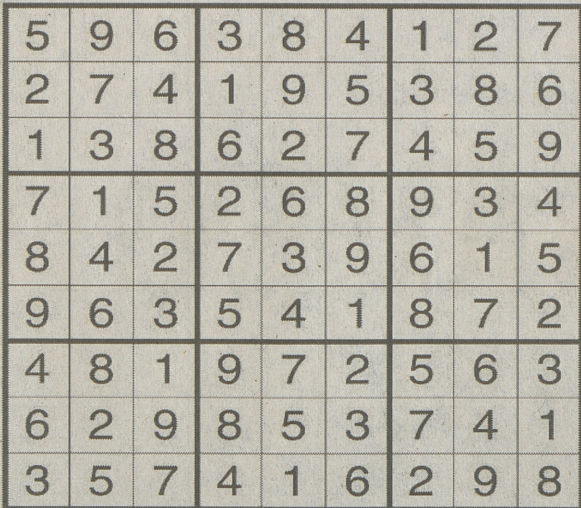
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SSFAC

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“The committee is very good,” Moore said. “Just because they have a certain dollar amount, they don’t go into it and say ‘okay we’re going to spend all of that money.’ No, they’re going to allot money based on what they believe is serving the educational purposes or satisfying those three promises.”

The process of deciding how much each organization gets can be a challenging process for SSFAC members.

“You have to take into consideration that there’s a lot of people asking for things that they don’t need,” Student Senate President Andrea Masenda said. “And you have to take into consideration that people are asking for things that they’re not going to follow through with. We’re not going to give you \$10,000 so you can throw this event you’re not going to throw.”

According to Masenda, the past two semesters that she has been on SSFAC, they have given away all of the money they were told they could give to student organizations.

According to Moore, the money that is not used is then rolled over to use later on.

“So not all the money is unnecessarily utilized right away because we can use the monies the following year,” Moore said. “Those money roll over, which is a good thing in this economy. Just because it’s not being used, that doesn’t mean it goes away. That means it can be put in for the future.”

Moore describes keeping the money as a ‘rainy day fund,’ that is to be saved in case an organization did not plan for fees that could come up during the semester.

“We’re not going to just, uh, if we have monies, a certain amount of dollars, we’re not just going to...allocate all of those monies,” Moore said. “Just like if you’re at home, if you make a certain amount of money...you’re not going to spend it all...you don’t want to do that because something could come up in the course of the year.”

According to TJC President Mike Metke, TJC is expecting a five percent cut in attendance next fall semester, which would mean a five percent cut in student life fees as well.

“If you spend that money or reallocate it and the money doesn’t come in, you’ve created a bugger budget hole,” Metke said. “So we would rather have some reserved in some circles, and the way we usually try to spend that surplus is on a one-time expense so it doesn’t create a wave that could go on forever.”

Texas Education Code-Section 54.503 states that “All money collected as student services fees shall be reserved and accounted for in an account or accounts kept separate and apart from educational and general funds of the institution and shall be used only for the support of student services.”

According to the Section 54.503, student services means activities which are separate and apart from the regularly scheduled academic functions of the institution and directly involve or benefit students.

These services can include recreational activities, health services, intramural and intercollegiate athletics, artists and lecture series, student publications, student government, and any other

student activities and services specifically authorized and approved by the governing board of the institution of higher education.

“Those are specific dollars that have to be spent in student-related matters, which is why it’s called a student life fee,” Moore said.

STD

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Sexually transmitted diseases are of course 100 percent preventable by abstaining from having sex. However, almost any college student will agree that this is an unrealistic approach and therefore protecting yourself is essential.

“Another common misconception is that condoms will completely prevent pregnancy and the spread of STDs, but condoms will only lower the risk of these happening,” said Eijsink.

The on-campus clinic at TJC offers testing for sexually transmitted diseases, but patients are referred to another location for treatment.

“We refer patients to Total Healthcare here in Tyler for STD treatment,” said Eijsink.

The most important concept to remember in prevention is that the best way to lower the risk of contracting an STD is awareness and just being responsible.

“So many people think that contracting an-STD won’t happen to them,” said de la Hoya. “They don’t realize how big of a problem these diseases are until they actually get one. Using protection and making smart decisions are a good way to avoid them.”

Too many people delay going to get tested for venereal diseases because they have heard that the tests are uncomfortable and embarrassing, maybe even painful.

“In today’s world, you can’t be cautious enough. Unfortunately, some young men and young women do not realize that,” said Eijsink. “My advice for them is this: just go get tested.”

INTERVENTION

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Making information and resources available to those who can serve as early identifiers may increase the success of those who support such programs. In addition to Ventura College’s at-a-glance sheet, they also have a 20-page manual and other resources available online.

The University of Florida website has information on identifying and dealing with troubled or disruptive students. They also have a 93-minute training video visitors can watch.

TJC does not have such tips or training information available on their website. Indeed, you cannot find any mention of such a program on their website. However, the need for pro-active intervention has not gone unaddressed. TJC’s Early Intervention Team, EIT, is a committee dedicated to helping identify students who may be at risk and getting them the help they need.

Tracey Williams, an EIT committee member and licensed professional counselor, said TJC has had some type of informal early intervention committee for years. However, the current EIT was formally created approximately a week after the Virginia Tech shooting in 2007.

Since its creation, the committee has been a behind-the-scenes committee that has maintained a low-visibility profile. In their bi-weekly meetings, they will typically discuss two to three students, although there have been times they have talked about as many as ten. Cases come from referrals from either members of the committee or faculty members.

“We are a multi-discipline approach,” said Randy Melton, Director of Campus Safety and on EIT committee member.

That approach entails having a committee whose membership represents the expertise and perspective of a diverse field of departments. Current members include representatives of the Student Judicial Programs, Campus Safety, Testing and Career Services and crisis counselors among others.

Melton explained that with the Virginia Tech shooting, one of the key problems was that individuals had bits and pieces of indicators of a potential problem but that no one talked to each other. They see their inter-disciplinary approach as a solution.

“Usually, what we’ve found out through the years, is that if there’s a red flag raised on a student [another committee member] has had contact with that student,” says Melton.

“Paul [Goertemiller, Director of Testing and Career Services] is in charge of testing, so he may see an issue there and he brings the student’s information to us. Well, I’ve had [previous] contact with that student. She’s [counselor and committee member Tracey Williams] had some contact. This is where we’re a team. We come together,” said Melton.

Some of the benefits of the program include interventions which if left unaddressed, may have escalated.

“[Some of the benefits] has been the immediate removal from some persons off the campus because it could have been a possible threat,” said Director of Student Judicial Programs Damien Williams.

Getting individuals the right kind of help that they need, can prove beneficial in the way they act and learn.

“We’ve seen behaviors decrease. They go and get on their medication again and get their mental health services going and then they’re able to be successful in college again,” said Tracey Williams.

Starting in the fall the committee will become more visible, including having information about it posted on the school’s website. The increased visibility will present challenges, including a likely increase in the number of referrals they see.

“A lot of the initial load [will come from] not understanding what we do and referring all problems [to us],” said Tracey Williams.

“Can we handle the increase,” said Director of Testing and Career Services Paul Goertemiller. “We have no choice but to handle the increase. It may be daunting but we have to do it. Safety comes first.”

For those concerned about students’ privacy, they point out that the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and the counseling code of ethics strictly limit disclosure of a student’s information including any diagnosis or outcomes.

TJC’s Crisis Counseling page encourages students whose emotions are causing a significant disruption or possible prevention of their academic pursuits to contact one of their crisis counselors. Support Services is located on the second floor of the Rogers Student Center. Information for contacting counselors by phone or email can be found at www.tjc.edu/Crisis-Counseling.

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